
From the PIRATE LOGGINGS....

preacher@lopez found RADIO WOLF INTERNATIONAL. Very strong signals, but the high static made copy a bit rough. Seems it was their first broadcast, and the station was on more than an hour and a half. I measured their frequency as 7415.3, and it was true AM (Both Sidebands). Following their sign off, someone called them on SSB, and they came back. He gave his location, but again static was rough. BOY I will be glad when winter comes!

It seems that some official use is being made of 7415. There was some very high tech digital voice encryption about 5 minutes after Radio Wolf International signed off. Any guesses who it could be? Also there has been a strong digital signal centered around 7417... I can only describe it as an "anvil clank". This particular type of transmission has been on other frequencies for at least 10 years. I don't know what it is, but it seems that perhaps the government (I think 7415 is a gov't frequency) is starting to make more and more use of the "official" pirate channel. If they bust folks for "malicious interference to a government agency" they could make more stink for the poor pirates.

Thoughts?

From: DECWRL::"lopez!flash@sharkey.cc.umich.edu" "Flash Hoser" 17-SEP-1990 00:37:37.58

Subj: Further thoughts on RNI

My previous comments were written while listening to RNO over WWCR. Indeed, the station is still playing at full tilt here (I have the shortwave piped to every room in my house.

Hour number four started out with a repeat of their opening, which is very creative. WWCR has a bit of selective fading tonight, so I switched from the KENWOOD to the SONY ICF-2010.

I will say this: The station is VERY entertaining. While the crew is fairly unprofessional, there is a LOT of energy. I would like to hear them get their license (Weiner has a hearing before the FCC to determine if he has the "character" to be licensed.

Their toll free phone number, 1-800-73-69-RNI.

It was kind of funny to hear DOCTOR MEGABYTE call in!

My pick for the BEST RNI personality is:

JOHNNY LIGHTNING!

The last hour was the best. It really sounds like a pirate. The MIDEAST Traffic report was a scream, and Johnny's DX corner was pretty funny to.

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=Marquette MI: It's Not the END of the world, but you can see it from here=
== Gary Bourgois flash@lopez (rutgers!sharkey!lopez!flash) GWN UPLink ==
== 3.950 Nationwide Amateur Radio Nightly after 0200z=Learning Channel ==
===== WB8EOH = The Eccentric Old Hippie = WB8EOH =====

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[I have noticed the same mil-type traffic on 41m, including the
["bubbler" station (the VERY broadband "plopping" noise that
[is now there frequently. Good point about the interference
[question... an old competitor for bandwidth is now back as
[well.... Christian Science Monitor has restarted transmission
[on 7395 !

From: DECWRL::"megabyte@chinet.chi.il.us" "Mark E. Sunderlin"
Subj: Logging & My RNI Debut

One logging for the weekend:

Hope Radio International - 7379Khz, 0024-0111 UTC on Sunday night. HRI's usual mix of interesting Rock, amusing ads and even an advertisement for the ACE. HRI has come a long way since it was Hope Radio 16. Certainly their equipment has improved. In fact, the quality of the audio was comparable and sometimes even better than WRNO on 7355Khz.

My International Shortwave Broadcast Debut - As many of you know, Radio Newyork International has "gone legit" and bought time on WWCR, 7520 Khz, on Sunday nights, 0100-0500 UTC. Last night was their premiere broadcast and they gave a phone number for you to call in and be "on the air". I did. I was fairly excited and so I sounded like a geek. :-)

RNI is pretty much what you would expect. Listen in if you like the content of Free Radio stations as even in their "legit" status, they retain their sense of whimsy and energy. QSL's are offered for RNI too. This maybe the first program on a SW station to offer QSL's card for the program instead of the station.

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"They Venture Down Among Us and They Sign-in on the Log,

The Manager, The Customer, The Pony and The Dog!"

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From: DECWRL::"cjohn975@athenonet.com" "John Johnson"
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Subj:

Did anyone else catch RNI last night on 7520? If so, what did you think? I especially enjoyed the "DX Corner," and the Middle East Traffic report. I hope that in coming weeks the crew doesn't lose its spontaneity. Also, has anyone in my area (midwest) been able to catch any pirate stations? I've tuned through the band in the evening and heard nothing except foreign broadcast stations. TTY1!!

--Chip-- (cjohn975@athenonet.com or uunet!pallas!chohn975)

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[Hope R. Was quite active as well....

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From: 28132::harley "Harley Privitera" 18-SEP-1990 19:04:28.32
To: anarky::pirate
Subj: Radio Hope Int. interviews Saddam (sp?) Hussein...

Hi John,

I'm listening to it on 7395 kHz right now (0044), it started @0037, signal varying between S7-S8. I'm in Worcester, Mass., using a Sony 2010, random wire antenna... they just went off the air at 0045, gave their QSL address as:

Radio Hope International
Box 109
Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214

It was pretty good, he evidently caught the clap from the royal goat :^). They also had a couple calling themselves Ray Cathode and Sue Diode, but I was too busy taking notes to catch what they were saying, and they were only on for a few seconds...

later,
/harley

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[in the free speech department.....

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From: DECWRL::"IZZYAS1@OAC.UCLA.EDU" "Andy Jacobson"
Subj: Some FM broadcast notes

A couple of notes on FM broadcast for you all reprinted from a little newsletter I get called FMedia! (pub by Bruce F. Elving

"Publishing Estate" 241 Anderson Rd. Esko MN 55733-9413, does anyone else subscribe to this?)

"A second shutdown of a pirate radio station, 'WFPA'91.9 Floral Park NY recently occurred. Joseph Sapanaro was fined \$1500 for that station back in 1981". No details on ops. or programming given. ...And for those who might think you have to be a pirate to get shut down...

"Broadcasting obscene material even at 4 a.m. is no protection, as two teenage programmers at WMHB *90.5 Waterville ME found out. They were filling in for regular staff during college vacation. A call to the state police by a female listener in Palermo ME resulted in campus security coming out and ordering the teenagers home. At about 4:50 a.m. EDT Aug. 28, a Tuesday, Derrick Corson was reading over the air lyrics from 'The Stars and Stripes of Corruption,' by Jello Biafra and the Dead Kennedys rock group. The officer came in and ordered him to 'Stop whatever you're playing. Take it off and get off the air and out of the station.' Corson then announced, 'Due to circumstances beyond our control we must leave the air.' It remained off 15 minutes until more sanitized programming could get under way. Meanwhile, Corson and John Munzo have been suspended until the case can be studied. They have been forbidden to speak to the media under threat of a lawsuit from the college. Even though the FCC and the licensee can legally shut down a station, this case shows what extreme action can result when a listener phones police and a sympathetic member of the force visits a station." That's it for now. Anyone hear anything more about FM pirates? -A.J. And Jacobson (IZZYAS1@OAC.UCLA.EDU)

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[Some great Euro-loggings... Thanks Jean.
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From: DECWRL: "jburnell@kean.ucs.mun.ca"
Subj: Newfoundland logs + QSLs

The following were logged in St. John's, Newfoundland, with an Icom IC-R71A receiver and an indoor Joystick antenna. By the way, this is not a great antenna...just about any outdoor wire + tuner will outperform it!

UNID possibly Europirate 6228.8 kHz 2149-2157 UTC v. weak w/pops, male DJ I think in EG but too poor to get anything useful. SINPO 13431. 29 Sept.

VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS 6239.4 kHz 2237-2301 UTC w/prog of rock + old pops, male DJ w/IDs in EG and poss. Dutch. Signal cuts out from time to time; DJ mentioned some transmitter problem. After 2302 UTC seemed to be engaged in QSO's w/other Europirates on and around 6239.5 kHz. After 2333 UTC noted Europirates QSOing on 6273.8 and 6275.1 kHz and believe that one of these was VOTN also. Stn address is P.O. Box 669, 7900 AR Hogeveen, Holland. SINPO on 6239.4 was 23432-1. 29 Sept.

RADIO CONFUSION (England) 6289.4 kHz 2350-2358 UTC but still on at 0032 UTC recheck. New age and unusual mx, cockney-accented DJ, nice ID heard at 2357 UTC. SINPO 22431 w/QRM from Japanese fishing boats on Grand Banks. 29-30 Sept.

UNID NA pirate I presume 7414.9 kHz 0052-0100* UTC Bluegrass mx, off for 1 min 30 sec from 0054 UTC, then back again for another song and off again. No anmts heard. Anyone else hear this?? SINPO 34333 (fantastic sig!). 30 Sept.

UNID poss NA pirate 7416.6 kHz 0101 UTC noted het here w/just snatches of audio. 30 Sept.

I can't remember if I already reported these QSLs received (apologies if this is a repeat!):

RADIO CONFUSION (England) 6316.6 f/d cd, info re stn + letter v/s Steve Midnight in 4.5 months for \$1. Address: 32 Victoria Rd., Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3NG. Power: "15-20 watts". Plans to test "weekend mornings" about 0300-0400 between 15720 and 15730.

RADIO PAMELA (England) 6223.5 f/d cd + f/d form letter, v/s Steve Most, as well as article from local newspaper w/story about stn. This in 3 weeks for \$1. Address: 131 Napier Rd., Gillingham, Kent ME7 4HH. Power: 35 watts.

PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SVC 15050 2 different f/d cds for 2 reports and nice letter v/s Andy that was mailed from GDR in 65 days for \$1. Says switched to 180 watts from 10 watts last April 1.

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From: DECWRL: "jburnell@kean.ucs.mun.ca"
Subj: Live Wire Radio

I just received a QSL from Live Wire Radio:

LIVE WIRE RADIO (England) 6276 kHz, f/d cd, 2 stickers, photo of studio and long letter v/s Bill Lewis in 22 days for ms.

Here is some info about the station, abstracted from the letter:

Output is around 80 watts, frequency coverage 6200-6320 kHz by crystal, but Bill admits that the transmitter drifts (as I had noticed in my report). The op has tried a 19 meter test (on 15052 kHz) but with no response. The 19 m transmitter is presently causing problems but the op says he is on the way

to fixing this. The op would like North American pirate fans to look for him on 15052 on Saturday nights between 2100 and 0200 UTC. Also: "As for 48 meters transmissions, reception conditions in the UK and Europe will soon be deteriorating at night time, so I will be doing some North American tests through the night likely on 6276, 6291 or 6312 kHz.

The first Live Wire broadcast was on June 3, 1990, the station is located in the north-east part of England, so far there has only been one transatlantic reception (mine, I guess!), and the address for reports is 21 Green Park, Bath, Avon, England BA1 1HZ

The last piece of news is unfortunate: the German pirate station Radio Northlight was raided by German postal authorities on Sept. 16.

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From: DECWRL::"LUDFK@VAX1.CC.LEHIGH.EDU" "Dave Keppel"

Subj: Weekend pirate QSO's

Heard a bit of Qso activity over the weekend...

9/30 1:15 UTC freq= 7415.0 USB/LSB activity= QSO
Heard "Voice of Oz's" "Howard E. Lion" confer with "Danny" Qth's were given. Oz said he was somewhere around Phila., Danny said he was around Pittsburg. I am about 60 miles north of Phila. and reception was fine. Lion mentioned that "Radio USA" had a brdcst earlier in the evening. And asked if other Ops copied it. (I didnt). Meanwhile we all noticed a "jamming" signal coming thru sporadically. I heard this alot lately, and its mentioned in Pop.Comm. magazine as the mysterious "Foghorn". usually goes up the band very early mornings. One of the guys said that it might be a jamming signal against them. So they changed freq. to 7405 around 1:39 UTC. A CW Morse code pirate (first time I heard one of these) said that it might be coming from the D.C. area. But it stayed up on 7415...so to prove their theory. This Foghorn thing intrigues me...anybody know what it can be? From what I heard it can be coming from central America...sort of like a beacon to test propagation for clandestine or numbers transmissions.

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[For my part I logged the following:

[9-16 0241 7391 R.Wolf International

[9-16 0245 7389.5 KMUD

[9-19 0014 7394.5 Hope Radio

[9-20 0239 7394.5 KMUD

[9-20 2358 15.050 Hope Radio

[9-22 0241 7.391 Hope Radio

[9-22 2156 15.050 Hope Radio
[9-23 0314 7416 Tube Radio w/??? in CW qso
[9-24 0020 7415 Free Radio Project w/cq CQ
[9-30 0315 7415U WGAR In USB
[9-30 0330 7415U V. of Oz in USB QSO
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[MJ of Hope called before both of the 15Mhz programs and said
[that they were part of a sweep before Hope took a breather
[for a while....The 15 Mhz transmissions sounded GREAT out
[here in the SW. Transmitters at Hope are all homebrew, and
[really sound pretty nice.

[I also received a studio tape (as did Ben Fuller) of
[R.Wolf Int'l for a report and an aircheck tape of their
[first broadcast on 9-16. It does appear that the fall DX season
[is upon us!

[West coast listeners might pay attention to the KMUD freqs
[as they announce their location as N.Calif...

[73 and DX /john wb5oau
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